

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action of March 23, 2005, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 10-16 remain in this application. Claims 1-9 and 17 have been cancelled.

Claim 10 is currently amended. Support for this may be found on page 8, at lines 8 and 9, wherein it is stated that "the 'safe' limit for these components is 0.1% moisture." Further support for this may be found on page 8, at lines 17 through 20, wherein it is stated that "removal of at least 0.1% of the weight of the sensitive component should bring the component below the 0.1% 'safe limit' and avoid the risk of moisture-induced (sic) failure by eliminating a sufficient amount of moisture from a sensitive component when the floor life has expired."

The amendment made to claim 10 does not raise new issues for consideration, will not require further searching of the prior art by the examiner, nor does it raise a question of support under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and thus Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this after Final amendment.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10 and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Robertson et al. '911. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10 and 13-16 are neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, Robertson et al. '911.

Claim 10, as currently amended, introduces the limitation that the "the resulting moisture level in the components accounts for 0.1% or less of the weight

of the electronic components." This limitation is neither found, nor suggested, by Robertson et al. '911, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robertson et al. '911 in view of Takano '234. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is not unpatentable over Robertson et al. '911 in view of Takano '234.

The Examiner states that "Robertson et al. teaches a method comprising all limitations recited in claim 11, with the exception of a component storage area that is a feeder cart for storing the components."

Claim 10, as currently amended and upon which claim 11 is dependent, introduces the limitation that the "the resulting moisture level in the components accounts for 0.1% or less of the weight of the electronic components." This limitation is neither found, nor suggested, by Robertson et al. '911, a deficiency which is not remedied by Takano '234, and thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Robertson et al. '911 in view of Reiger '653. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is not unpatentable over Robertson et al. '911 in view of Reiger '653.

The Examiner states that "Robertson et al. teaches a method comprising all limitations recited in claim 1, with the exception of a component storage area that is a cabinet receiving at least one feeder cart for storing the components."

Claim 10, as currently amended and upon which claim 12 is dependent, introduces the limitation that the "the resulting moisture level in the components accounts for 0.1% or less of the weight of the electronic components." This limitation is neither found, nor suggested, by Robertson et al. '911, a deficiency which is not remedied by Takano '234, and thereby rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



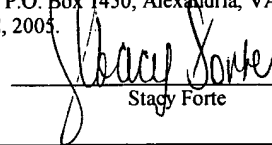
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